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FM AMEMBASSY CAIRO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 762

INFO AMCONSUL ALEXANDRIA IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINS EG

SUBJECT: PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATION AT PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY

1. AS OF 1700 LOCAL APPROX 3000-5000 STUDENTS FROM AIN SHAMS, AUC AND CAIRO UNIVERSITY HAD CONVERGED IN FRONT OF PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY AND WERE CHANTING ANTI-GOVERNMENT SLOGANS. CROWD, WHICH CONTINUES TO GATHER IN FRONT OF ASSEMBLY, HAS CARNIVAL ATMOSPHERE AND POLICE ARE MAKING POINTED EFFORT TO REMAIN UNOBTRUSIVE ALTHOUGH THEY CLOSELY MONITORING DEMONSTRATORS. NO EVIDENCE AS YET OF EXTRAORDINARY GOVERNMENT MEASURES TO CONTROL POTENTIAL RIOT SUCH AS TRUCKS CARRYING RIOT POLICE REINFORCEMENTS, ETC. CRACK SHIELD-BEARING RIOT POLICE NOWHERE IN SIGHT. SMALL BOYS FROM SCHOOL LAUGHING AND JOKING BEING DRAWN TOWARD SQUARE IN FRONT OF PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY BUT GOODLY NUMBER OF PEOPLE ALSO WALKING AWAY FROM CROWD. CROWD DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE TAKING SLOGANS TERRIBLY SERIOUSLY AND NO STORES APPEAR TO HAVE CLOSED IN FEAR OF DETERIORATING SITUATION. NO INCIDENTS OF VIOLENCE NOTED.

2. PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY APPEARS SOLE FOCUS DEMONSTRATION IN CAIRO. UNLIKE ALEXANDRIA (ALEXANDRIA 0056) WHERE LARGE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GROUPS APPARENTLY MOVING THROUGHOUT CITY. GIZA AND ZAMALEK CALM. MANY CAIRENES WATCHING DEMONSTRATIONS UNFOLD WITHOUT TAKING ANY PART, ALTHOUGH CURIOSITY RUNNING HIGH.

3. WE HAVE AUTHORITATIVE REPORT THAT ALL QUIET IN MAHALLA AL KUBRA, SCENE OF PAST WORKER DISTURBANCES STEMMING FROM ECONOMIC GRIEVANCES.

4. RUMORS THAT MOST SERIOUS SITUATION EXISTS IN HELWAN  
ARE WIDESPREAD, BUT WE DO NOT YET HAVE ANY EYE WITNESS REPORTS.  
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